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Translation of Letter Addressed by Mihail FARCASANU to []

c/o Lampl
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Rome
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Beloved Mr. []

I write to you in order to request of you something which is urgent.
Look what the matter is:

Radu ~~Mini~~ Popescu relayed to me the contents of a letter which he received from ~~General Radescu~~, from which it results that General Radescu prepared a ~~communiqué~~ for the press during his stay in Paris. So far as I understand that document comprises two categories of problems: a. a statement concerning the mandate, which H. M. the King allegedly entrusted the General with, for forming the Rumanian representative political committee; b. decisions which have been taken by the General concerning the creation of miscellaneous "secretariats" and "general agencies" in different centres as subordinate offices of the organ which directs our activity outside the frontiers, (abroad).

From the very beginning I refuse to believe the authenticity of such a document, for the following reasons: a. His Majesty the King has entrusted no mandate to anybody for the formation of any organism whatsoever; consequently General Radescu could not state that "he received a mandate". However, if there exist zealots who attempt in that way to cause confusion in the general state of things, or to force, through accomplished facts, certain solutions, they assume a great responsibility. I declare now that, by their very actions, those men place themselves outside the Rumanian activities and auto-eliminate themselves from the leadership of those future activities. b. The agreement which was made in Paris between General Radescu, Mr. Niculescu-Buzesti, as representative of the National Peasant Party, and myself, representing the National Liberal Party, referred in no way to the problem of the presidency of the future committee as it did not refer to the presidency of the Geneva group, either. (It would be an abuse of power on our part, as the respective committee is solely entitled to elect the president). That agreement contains no stipulation to the effect that any of the three signatory parties is authorized to take decisions concerning the organization, to entrust mandates to secretaries or to name representatives of a committee which does not exist, or of a group (if it is a question of the Geneva group) which has not been consulted.

This being an objective view of the situation, please make it known to and warn those who think that they serve General Radescu that if they proceed outside the framework of the problem, they not only fail to serve him but they compromise him.

Simultaneously please send me, if you can, the text of the communiqué (if possible, copied from the original, or send me a photostatic copy) as I cannot believe that the General could sign such a document. It would mean a lack of deference toward the King, which is not in his manner.

If, however, the publication of the document cannot be prevented, I categorically request that my name be omitted from any of the assignments mentioned in the communiqué. I consider it an abuse and an undescrivable

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offence to be involved in such a maneuver. My protest and denial will go as far as a judiciary action in the event that my name will be published in such a communique.

I think that my respect and consideration for General Radescu cannot be doubted by anyone; even less so by the General himself. However, the duty of the real friends of the General and of those who realize that they must maintain him in an unblemished position, is to tell the truth and to permanently assure him a political and moral stand for his actions which can never be attacked by anyone. For those reasons I address myself to everybody with the insistent request for abandoning a separatist action which is in gross contradiction with the objective situation. The only result which such an action may have would be to delay agreement concerning the activity for representation and for the defense of Rumanian interests.

I thank you for the service which I hope you will not find hard to render me and send you my good friendship.

My respects to Mrs. (UNISON)

Yours,

Signed, Mihail Farcasanu

Translator's Note: The letter is typed.